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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated January 21, 2005. In the Office Action, claims 1-3, 5-13 and 15-20 were rejected and claims 4 and 14 were objected to. The Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter in claims 4 and 14 is appreciated. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims 1-20.

On page 2 of the Office Action, claims 1-3, 5-13 and 15-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Rubinson et al., U.S. Patent No. 4,434,487 in view of Shin, U.S. Patent No. 6,101,619.

To establish a prima facie case of obviousness, three basic criteria must be met. First, there must be some suggestion or motivation either in the references themselves or in the knowledge generally available to one of ordinary skill in the art, to modify the reference or to combine reference teachings. Second, there must be a reasonable expectation of success. Finally, the